

for filtration by the processing membrane elements from which the filtered fluid is laterally withdrawn into the module as a cleansed portion of the contaminate-laden fluid.

Kindly add the following claim:

9. A module housing within which a contaminate-laden fluid undergoes filtration into a cleansed portion thereof by filtration through membrane elements, the improvement residing in: means positioning the membrane elements within the module housing in laterally spaced relation to each other throughout while extending between opposite axial ends thereof for conducting the contaminate-laden fluid through the module housing to initiate axial flow therethrough between said axial ends so as to thereby undergo said filtration into the cleansed portion; and drain means for withdrawing the cleansed portion after lateral passage through the membrane elements to effect said filtration without mixing while the contaminate-laden fluid is undergoing said axial flow through the module housing.